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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JUNE 5, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MFA EASTERN DEPARTMENT, SELCUK TARLAN, SAID THAT THE VISIT OF CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA HAD COME AS A SURPRISE TO GOT. FOR FOUR YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN OUT-STANDING INVITATION FOR VISIT BY THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND NO PARTICULAR INDICATION OF INTEREST. THE INITIATIVE FOR THE JUNE VISIT CAME FROM THE CHINESE LESS THAN THREE WEEKS AGO WHEN THEY INFORMED THE GOT THAT HUANG HUA WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ANKARA ON HIS RETURN VISIT FROM THE SSOD IN NEW YORK. THE TIMING (JUST AFTER ECEVIT'S VISIT TO THE U.S. AND PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION) IS INCONVENIENT FOR THE TURKS BUT THEY AGREED TO THE CHINESE REQUEST RATHER THAN GIVE OFFENSE.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, TARLAN SAID THAT THE NEWS REPORT (REFTEL) INDICATING GOT AND GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA WERE NEGOTIATING FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IS UNTRUE. TARLAN SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOT AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAD TAKEN PLACE IN PEKING AND PERHAPS THIS WAS THE SOURCE

OF THE INACCURATE STORY IN TURKISH PRESS. HE NOTED ALSO THAT THE TURKISH-VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHINESE.

3. TURKISH PRESS JUNE 5 REPORTS THAT THE MAYOR OF ANKARA, ALI DINCER, IS PLANNING TO VISIT NORTH KOREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. DINCER IS MEMBER OF PRIMIN ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY, AND IT IS THEREFORE POSSIBLE--BUT FAR FROM CERTAIN--THAT THE DINCER VISIT WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY ECEVIT IN ADVANCE. MORE LIKELY IT IS IN RESPONSE TO A RECENT VISIT OF A NORTH KOREAN COMMERCIAL DELEGATION.
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